

Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, my first agency is Agency 3, the Legislative Council. It is on page 56 in your book, and this agency budget increases 1.89 percent in the first year and an additional 3.1 percent in the second year. And the changes, significant changes, include deletion of several one-time items in the first year budget, LB 940A which is the School Finance Committee is not funded in this agency. It's...there is legislation on the floor, and then computer purchases which were done last year are not in this year's budget, so the increases are salary increases, funding for reapportionment preparation, two new research office staff including one position earmarked for work with the Education Committee, posting of a Council of State Government Conference also. Then the committee also transferred committee counsel from program 126 in the Research Office to program 122, Legislative Services. One significant item which was not included was the biennial dues for the Grain Marketing Compact. And then second year is mostly, the increases mostly reflect a 90-day session over a 60-day session. And this budget is significantly lower than the Governor's, but that's primarily because some recalculations were made after the budget requests were submitted to the Governor. My next agency is Agency 38, the Commission on the Status of Women, and that is on page 106 in your book. And this budget did not increase a lot, 16,000-some dollars in the first year, 15,000 in the second year and it's mainly for operating and travel increases, full funding for a public information technician and reclassification of a county clerk position and the same is true in the second year, mainly staff...or salary increases. My third agency is Agency 67 with...is the Equal Opportunity Commission and you will find this on page 86 in your book. This commission, there was an \$18,000 increase in the first year, 23,000 in the second year and it's mainly in operating increases, employee benefits, one full funding for an authorized position and a new director of operations. Also I might mention that in this agency we remove some estimated federal funds and cap them at the appropriations level. The next agency is Agency 68, the Mexican-American Commission, again, not very large increases, but there were some increases for...

PRESIDENT: What page is that, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I'm sorry. Page 93.